
HOUSE BILL No. 1340

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-24-2-1; IC 20-20-6-1; IC 20-33-2.

Synopsis: Compulsory school attendance. Requires a student to be at least 18 years of age in order to drop out of school. Repeals provisions permitting a student less than 18 years of age to drop out of school under certain circumstances. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-24-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
2 SECTION 165, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) A driver's license or a
4 learner's permit may not be issued to an individual less than eighteen
5 (18) years of age who meets any of the following conditions:

6 (1) Is a habitual truant under IC 20-33-2-11.

7 (2) Is under at least a second suspension from school for the
8 school year under IC 20-33-8-14 or IC 20-33-8-15.

9 (3) Is under an expulsion from school under IC 20-33-8-14,
10 IC 20-33-8-15, or IC 20-33-8-16.

11 ~~(4) Is considered a dropout under IC 20-33-2-28.5.~~

12 (b) At least ~~five (5)~~ **ten (10)** days ~~before holding an exit interview~~
13 ~~under IC 20-33-2-28.5~~, **after the school year begins**, the school
14 corporation shall give notice by certified mail or personal delivery to
15 the student, the student's parent, or the student's guardian that the
16 student's failure to ~~attend an exit interview under IC 20-33-2-28.5~~ or
17 return to school if the student does not meet the requirements to

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1 ~~withdraw from school under IC 20-33-2-28.5~~ will result in the
2 revocation or denial of the student's:

- 3 (1) driver's license or learner's permit; and
4 (2) employment certificate.

5 SECTION 2. IC 20-20-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.229-2007,
6 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. The department may grant a state of Indiana
8 general educational development (GED) diploma to an individual who:

- 9 (1) is
10 ~~(A) at least eighteen (18) years of age; or~~
11 ~~(B) at least seventeen (17) years of age and not subject to~~
12 ~~compulsory school attendance because the individual has~~
13 ~~withdrawn from school under IC 20-33-2-28.5; and~~

- 14 (2) achieves satisfactory high school level scores on the general
15 educational development (GED) test or any other properly
16 validated tests of comparable difficulty designated by the board.

17 SECTION 3. IC 20-33-2-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.242-2005,
18 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 6. A student is bound by the requirements of this
20 chapter from the earlier of the date on which the student officially
21 enrolls in a school or, except as provided in section 8 of this chapter,
22 the beginning of the fall school term for the school year in which the
23 student becomes seven (7) years of age until the date on which the
24 student:

- 25 (1) graduates; ~~or~~
26 (2) becomes eighteen (18) years of age. ~~or~~
27 ~~(3) becomes sixteen (16) years of age but is less than eighteen~~
28 ~~(18) years of age and the requirements under section 9 of this~~
29 ~~chapter concerning an exit interview are met enabling the student~~
30 ~~to withdraw from school before graduation;~~

31 ~~whichever occurs first:~~

32 SECTION 4. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2009]: IC 20-33-2-9; IC 20-33-2-28.5.

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